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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO AMBASSADOR HELMS:

"1. MR. JOHN McCONE TESTIFIED 21 MARCH IN OPEN
HEARINGS BEFORE CHURCH SUBCOMMITTEE ON MULTI-
NATIONAL CORPORATIONS. AP TICKER IS CARRYING ITEM
ON THIS TESTIMONY ALONG FOLLOWING LINES QUOTE HELMS
WHO HE (MCCONE) CALLED A PERSONAL FRIEND, ADVISED
HIM THAT AN INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF
MEMBERS OF THE WHITE HOUSE, STATE DEPARTMENT,
DEFENSE DEPARTMENT, AS WELL AS THE CIA HAD DIS-
CUSSED THE CHILE SITUATION AND 'THE DECISION HAD BEEN
REACHED THAT NOTHING WOULD BE DONE.' HE SAID, HOW-
EVER, THAT HELMS TOLD HIM THAT 'SOME MINIMAL EFFORT
WITHIN THE FLEXIBILITY OF ITS OWN BUDGET COULD BE
ENGAGED IN' BY THE CIA.

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"2. CIA IS PRESENTLY MONITORING PRESS PLAY ON THIS STATEMENT. IT IS HOPED THIS STATEMENT WILL NOT RAISE QUESTION OF DID CIA DO ON ITS OWN WHAT POLICY-MAKERS HAD DECIDED NOT TO DO IN CHILE. AGENCY WILL BE COMMENTING ON THIS POINT IN FOLLOWUP TRAFFIC TO YOU ON 22 MARCH. ON INTERIM BASIS, HOWEVER, WANTED TO ALERT YOU REGARDING THIS MATTER IN CASE PRESS CONTACTS YOU AND ASKS FOR COMMENTS." ~~7-1, INFO~~

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